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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7065

BILL NUMBER: HB 1198

DATE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Special Group Motorcycle License Plates.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a special group recognition license plate may be displayed on a motorcycle and that a special group recognition license plate may not be transferred: (1) to a passenger motor vehicle, certain trucks, or a recreational vehicle from a motorcycle; or (2) from those motor vehicles to a motorcycle.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Passenger License Plate:* For a passenger license plate, there would be additional expenses for the Prison Enterprise Network (PEN Products), the manufacturing arm of prison-made products, to make these plates. Their charges would be based on the number of colors in the design as shown in the schedule below:

<u>Colors</u>	<u>Set-Up Charge*</u>	<u>Price Per Plate*</u>	<u>Price Per Plate if Personalized*</u>
1	\$105	\$3.90	\$4.40
2	\$170	\$4.00	\$4.50
3	\$235	\$4.10	\$4.60
4	\$300	\$4.30	\$4.80
5	\$365	\$4.60	\$5.10
6	\$430	\$5.00	\$5.50

* For the 2001-2003 biennium.

Additional charges include \$75 per color for any special colors that are not included in PEN's ten standard colors. If PEN Products does the artwork, there is a charge of \$45 per hour. Origination fees include the film positives and the silk screen charges. When artwork is provided by the customer, the set-up fee is \$17.50. The fund affected for PEN Products is PEN Products Revolving Fund.

A license plate is designated as a special group recognition license plate if: (1) a special group recognition plate is required by statute; (2) a special group recognition license plate is requested by resolution of the General Assembly; or (3) representatives of a special group petition the BMV. If the plate is not designated as a special group recognition plate, the above costs will not apply. The cost will be \$2.60 per plate. The reason for the price differential is that general issue plate sheeting is used for the non-special recognition plates.

Motorcycle License Plate: Prison Enterprise Network (PEN Products) reports that the size of motorcycle license plates are 4 in. x 7 in., as opposed to passenger vehicle license plates which are 9 in. x 12 in. Because of this, the motorcycle special recognition license plate would have only four numbers available. Additionally, the space available for a special recognition symbol would be only 2 3/16 in. wide by 2 5/16 in. high (about the size of a post-it note). PEN Products further reports that the charges listed in the above table would be applicable to motorcycle special recognition license plates.

According to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), the current motorcycle license plates are made smaller because of the motorcycle's smaller surface on which they are placed. Current motorcycle license plates cost \$1.50 each to manufacture.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Department of Correction (PEN Products).

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Becky Gillam, Sales and Marketing Director of PEN Products, 388-8580, ext. 220; Motor Vehicles license plate data for 2000.